



Matanuska Amateur Radio Association

General Meeting

Valley Church of Christ/ZOOM

April 26, 2024

Call to Order/New Hams/Roll Call/Quorum Established

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President, Scott McCormick, KL7SLM.

Quorum Established. All those present introduced themselves by name and call sign. Attendees signed in at the door as they arrived. There are 80 members in good standing, and 32 people in attendance both in person and on zoom, the required 10% of paid members to establish a quorum was met.

Approval of Agenda as a guide with flexibility to accept any additions – motioned by George Strother, KL7GS, and seconded by Craig Bledsoe, KL7H, attendees voted in favor, the motion passed.

Approval of Meeting Minutes of February 2024 – motioned by George Strother, KL7GS, and seconded by JD Weeks, KL7JKR, attendees voted in favor, so the motion passed).

President's Report: Scott McCormick, KL7SLM – there are a lot of events coming up, lots of activities to discuss

Vice-President's Report: Ken Hudson, KL2HF – nothing new to report

Treasurer's Report: John Carrington, KL1XM –
Book account – \$790 and General account – \$9,168

Secretary's Report: Shelia Olson, KL3SRO – still working on MARA Voice and previous meeting minutes, strategic planning coming along, will meet again after Field Day

Sunshine Committee: Shelia Olson, KL3SRO – no new cards or notes

Events planner: Shelia Olson, KL3SRO – is there interest from the club in participating in Colony Days parade and Wasilla 4th of July parade?? If so, I have the contact information of the parade coordinator so we can be included, maybe with the PJMS ham club?

VE Report: Ken Hudson, KL2HF – last test session had 3 new technicians and 1 upgrade to extra, will see if anyone shows up at the next testing session

Licensing Classes: ****POSITION OPEN**** – no classes scheduled at this time

Website Facilitator: Don Bush, KL7JFT – February general meeting minutes are uploaded to the website, swap & shop updated, as well as requests for equipment

ARES Report: Don Bush, KL7JFT – nothing new to report, frequency reports verified and updated on the club website

Trailer Committee: Scott McCormick, KL7SLM – time for annual maintenance like grease the bearings, check tires and tower, etc, plan to do after the Willow Emergency Fair on May 18

Old Business:

1. **Palmer High School Nerd Con** **POC: Scott KL7SLM** – there was lots of interest and lots of fun at our table, plan to participate in future events

Ongoing Business

1. **Update on repeaters**, **POC: Don KL7JFT** – need to schedule putting up tower sections at TJ's so we can get better coverage, need repeater for KL5A in trail lakes to have VHF and UHF out of Wasilla
2. **Palmer Junior Middle School**, **POC: Scott KL7SLM** – received all the equipment ordered, just waiting for all the snow to melt and stay gone, then can set up the classroom and connect antenna on the roof
3. **Field Day & Summer Picnic**, **POC: Ken KL2HF** – to be at the Menard Center Pavilion, June 22 @0900 and not sure how many hours, will be \$20 for the pavilion, will set up training/demonstration tables, still need to contact ARRL NW Director, and both trailers will be set up and operational
4. **Ham Fest**, **POC: John KL1XM and Shelia KL3SRO** – to be on September 7, at the Big Lake Lions Rec Center, just need to submit payment
5. **License Class Chair**, ***POSITION OPEN***

New Business

1. **SU Valley Emergency Fair**, **POC: Ken KL2HF** – will be held at Willow Community Center on May 18, 1100-1400, there will be 2 tables and 8 chairs for seating for those who show up to help out

Upcoming Events:

1. **Licensing Exams**, **POC: Ken KL2HF** April 27, WASI, 1900
2. **MARA Board Meeting**, May 8, WASI, 1900
3. **MARA Luncheon**, May 30, Denali Family Restaurant, 1130
4. **MARA General Meeting**, May 31, Valley Church of Christ, 1900

Intermission–15 minutes

- Propagation, **George KL7GS** – provided an informative show and tell with handout and on-screen of www.voacap.com/hf/ so one can determine when best time of day or night to try frequencies and what locations they would be able to reach if their

- equipment is running up to par
- Drawing for door prize
 - Announcements/Good of the Order/Adjournment
- MFJ is going out of business next month so get items before they become unavailable.
Wondering who is our repeater coordinator?

Motion for Adjournment – Motioned by John Carrington, KL1XM, and seconded by Craig Bledsoe, KL7H, and thirded by George Strother, KL7GS, voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott McCormick, KL7SLM
President
MARA Board of Directors



Shelia Olson, KL3SRO
Secretary
MARA Board of Directors